

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

KENNETH TAGGART,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION
NO. 16-cv-04040

ORDER

AND NOW, this 9th day of May, 2017, upon consideration of the following motions and their responses, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. Defendants' motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim and lack of subject matter jurisdiction, (ECF No. 29), is **GRANTED** and Taggart's claim for First Amendment retaliation is **DISMISSED** without prejudice;
2. Taggart's motion for reconsideration, (ECF No. 31), is **DENIED**;
3. Taggart's motion to strike, (ECF No. 34), is **DENIED**;
4. Taggart's motion to withdraw complaint without prejudice and/or amend complaint, (ECF No. 36), is **DENIED**;
5. This case shall be **CLOSED** for statistical purposes.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Gerald J. Pappert
GERALD J. PAPPERT, J.